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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have authorized Brigadier General Lloyd J. Austin III to wear the insignia of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. Brigadier General Austin was recently confirmed for appointment to the grade of major general. This approval will not be executed prior to the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. Brigadier General Austin is projected for promotion February 2005.

Sincerely,

  
Charles S. Abell  
Principal Deputy

cc:  
Chairman,  
House Armed Services Committee  
Ranking Member,  
House Armed Services Committee